

TEUTONS AIDED SINN FEINERS TO FOMENT IRISH REBELLION

The Weather Report

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53 MEMBERS OF COMPANY B, 48TH INFANTRY ARE MISSING

EFFORTS OF GERMANS TO FOMENT REBELLION IN IRELAND EXPLAINED

FACTS ARE LAID BARE IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM PRESS BUREAU REVIEWING PHASE OF IRISH POLITICAL SITUATION SINCE START OF WAR.

London, May 25—Germany's untiring efforts to foment rebellion in Ireland with the aid of the Sinn Fein are laid bare in a statement from the official press bureau, reviewing this phase of the Irish political situation since the beginning of the war.

"The events of the first period can be told in some detail but the second period, which concerns recent events, permits of no more than a summary as a full statement on the facts and documents in possession of the government would disclose the names of persons who stood by the government, also the channels of communication through which the German government was acting and in which it would not be in the public service to reveal at present.

"The story begins as early in the war as Nov. 6, 1914, when Herr Zimmerman transmitted through Count von Bernstorff a message from Sir Roger Casement (later captured in Ireland and executed) asking that a messenger, a native born American, if possible, be sent to Ireland with

word that everything was favorable. He was to carry no letters for fear of arrest. Casement also asked that an Irish priest should be sent to Germany with the assistance of the German legation in Norway to work in prison camps to corrupt Irish prisoners of war. This priest was a certain Father John T. Nicholson, an American citizen of Irish birth. He reached Germany safely and we find him in January, 1915, transmitting messages to America.

After the abortive rebellion of Easter week, 1916, plans were made for a revolt in 1917, but this miscarried because of America's entry to the war and Germany's inability to send troops to Ireland. An uprising in Ireland was planned for this year after the

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RAIDING OPERATIONS FORM ONLY ACTIVITIES ON WESTERN FRONT

MEXICO HAS SEVERED RELATIONS WITH CUBA

REASON ASSIGNED IS THAT CUBA'S PARTICIPATION IN WAR CAUSES HER TO DICTATE MEASURES ANTAGONISTIC TO MEXICO.

Mexico City, May 25—Mexico has severed diplomatic relations with Cuba. This was learned officially late yesterday after a report that the Mexican charge d'affaires in Havana and the Cuban minister here had been recalled from their respective posts had been confirmed at the foreign office.

The Cuban minister to Mexico, Dr. Esquivel Garcia Ensenat, has not yet arrived in Mexico City, having been appointed only recently. During the interval Dr. Luis Santamaris Calvo has been acting as charge. It was reported recently that he would leave for Cuba on a vacation and would return with the new minister.

The Mexican charge in Havana is Alberto C. Franco. The recall of the Mexican representative to Cuba and the suspending for an indefinite time of the sending of a new representative is explained officially as for the fact that because of the war in which Cuba is involved, that government has been obliged to dictate measures that affect the interests of the Mexican government in many instances.

For this reason, it is declared, the

making of representations that the Mexican representative would be forced to make to the Cuban government would be useless and would restrict the liberty of action of a friendly nation "which is now in an afflicted situation."

Gen. Candido Aguilar, minister of foreign affairs, gave out last night a statement for the announced purpose of avoiding a misinterpretation of Mexico's action.

Havana, May 25—The report that Mexico has severed diplomatic relations with Cuba could not be confirmed here early today. In official circles last night it was said that there was absolutely no foundation for such a report. The Mexican charge d'affaires left Havana yesterday for Mexico City, but visited President Menocal before

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Weather Changed for Worse
Rain is Falling Imposing
Hardship on Huns.

AMERICANS OCCUPY THE TOUL SECTOR

American Aeroplanes Protecting Men in Trenches—Troops for Italy.

There has been no change in the situation on the battle fields of northern France. Both sides continue their raiding operations, with the Germans paying most attention to the line between the Somme and Albert. Elsewhere on the front between Ypres and Rheims British and French patrols have captured prisoners.

The weather has changed for the worse and rain is reported falling generally on the Somme and Picardy fronts. This imposes additional hardships on the Germans, who occupy the shell torn lowlands while the Allies hold the high ground, most of which is unscarred by war. If the Germans were not prepared to attack when the weather was most favorable, it is not likely that they will essay a new offensive while rain and mud retard their movements.

The sector northwest of Toul now is all American. The gunners are American, the men in the trenches are Americans, and over their heads now fly Americans with a distinctive insignia on their aeroplanes.

American troops may soon be fighting the Austrians in the mountains of northern Italy. As a climax to the celebration of Italy's entrance into the war in New York, Secretary of War Baker announced that machine gun and artillery units soon would be standing side by side with Gen. Diaz's men. Strong patrol and artillery activity continues in the Italian mountain front.

Mexico has severed diplomatic relations with Cuba. This action by the Mexican government came unexpectedly in an announcement from Mexico City. Official confirmation from the Cuban government is lacking, but it is reported that there have been rumors in Havana of strained relations between the two republics. The Mexican charge in Cuba left there this week for home.

All American troops on the way to the battle fields of France to the number of 56 have been lost in the torpedoing of the British steamer Moldavia by a German submarine in the English channel.

Few details of the tragedy have been disclosed. The American soldiers missing are believed to have been sleeping when the vessel was attacked. The attack came early Thursday morning and the submarine succeeded in getting away unseen. According to survivors, the Moldavia was near the southeastern coast of England on her way to an English

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No Connecticut Men Lost In The Sinking Of Steamer Moldavia

TRANSPORT TORPEDOED WITH AMERICAN TROOPS ON BOARD SINKS QUICKLY—MISSING MEN OF CO. B, 48TH U. S. INFANTRY.

London, May 25—Less than a quarter of an hour after the British armed merchant troopship Moldavia, with American troops on board, had been torpedoed off the southeast coast of England on Thursday morning, virtually every man had gone over the side of the vessel into the lifeboats.

Edwin and Clyde Bosley of North Troy, Vt., leaped from the deck and were drowned. Had it not been for this the losses which are given officially as 56 American soldiers, would have been confined to those killed by the explosion of the torpedo.

The Bosley brothers were on guard when the ship was struck. There was a sharp list, and they evidently believed she was turning over. Search was made for them, but they were not seen after they jumped overboard.

The steamer Moldavia was off the southeastern coast when she was attacked, says the correspondent of the Daily Mail in a southeastern coast port. He quotes a member of the crew as saying:

"A careful watch was kept but a submarine does not seem to have been sighted before the torpedo struck. Only half a dozen men who were put off on a raft got so much as a wetting, and they were saved."

With the exception of 53 American soldiers all the persons on board the British troop ship Moldavia which was torpedoed and sunk Thursday morning, were saved and have been landed at a southern British port. No officer's name is among the list of missing and it contains the names of only two non-commissioned officers.

The Moldavia carried 480 American soldiers of the 58th infantry. All those reported lost belonged to Co. B.

Washington, May 25—The war department today gave out the names of 53 members of Co. B, 48th United States infantry, Fourth division, missing from the torpedoed British steamer Moldavia.

Corps. Fred Chappell, Philadelphia; Roy Shenk, 347 East New street, Lancaster, Pa.; Privates Oscar O. Armstrong, Bridgeport, Okla.; Andrew Blackwell, Hominy, Okla.; George D. Boosalis, Fargo, N. D.; Clyde E. Bosley, North Troy, Vt.; Erwin W. Bosley, North Troy, Vt.; Leslie C. Bracken, Royalton, Minn.; Walter G. Bracken, North St. Cloud, Minn.; William A. Brown, Hoytsville, Utah; George N. Buchanan, Manette, Wash.; Emil Bucher, El Central, Cal.; Joseph P. Callan, Milwaukee; Fred D. Canwell, Fall River, Mass.; Louis V. Castro, San Jose, Cal.; Edwin L. Clausing, Grafton, Wis.; Virgil C. Cook, Hobart, Okla.; William G. Croatt, DePere, Wis.; Herman Diehl, New York; Herman W. Dierks, Braunfels, Tex.; Conrad Eckel, West Allis, Wis.; Fred Gerhardt, Chicago; Edward L. Gerl, Manitowoc, Wis.; Redwald Gottenberg, Pigeon Falls, Wis.; Giuseppe Graci, Licati, Sicily; Charles F. Hackler, Millville, Cal.; Thaddeus Hodges, Mount Carmel, Utah; Clem Johnson, Martins Mill,

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BALL PLAYERS IN GAS MASKS NEAR FRONT LINE

INNOVATION IN TRAINING OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN FRANCE—ACCUSTOMS MEN TO PROPER BREATHING UNDER ALL CONDITIONS.

With the American Army in France, Friday, May 24—(By the Associated Press)—An innovation in training recently put in practice back of the American lines.

HARRY H. DELOSS IS IMPROVING

The condition of Harry H. DeLoss, vice president of the Handy & Harmon Co., who has been ill with pneumonia, was reported this noon as being slightly improved. Mr. DeLoss has been critically ill for the past eight days, and his condition is still very serious.

It is to have the men while in baseball in their recreation wear their gas masks through game, the idea is to accustom to breathe these protective devices. Tomorrow an be staged with men Boston st with big rept field, particu his gas m the team tonight an eas test.

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PRICE OF GAS TO THE ALLIES IS ARRANGED

Washington, May 25.—The price of gasoline to the Allies was fixed yesterday by the oil division of the Fuel Administration as follows:

Free on board Gulf ports, 21 cents a gallon; free on board Atlantic seaboard, 23 1/2 cents a gallon; United States Navy specifications in both cases.

At the same time the price for aviation naphtha was fixed as follows: Thirty cents a gallon Gulf ports; 32 cents a gallon Atlantic seaboard; British specifications, 302 degrees Fahrenheit, final boiling point in both cases.

Fuel oil prices were fixed at: Gulf ports, 5 1/2 cents; British Admiralty specifications, 5 1/2 cents; United States Navy specifications: Atlantic seaboard, 5 1/2 cents; United States Navy specifications.

The price of standard white refined kerosene was fixed at 7 1/2 cents at Gulf ports and 8 1/2 cents at Atlantic seaboard; Mexican reduced oil was fixed at 6 cents, Atlantic seaboard. While these prices apply only to the Allies, it is expected they will stabilize the domestic market. The prices become effective May 29 for 60 days.

ROOSEVELT SAYS ADMINISTRATION PLAYS FAVORITES

Washington, May 25.—A reply by Theodore Roosevelt to Postmaster General Burleson today in their controversy over alleged discrimination by the post office department in treatment of publications presented to the administration by Senator Poindexter of Washington, charged that the administration had played for and against different newspapers and magazines and that President Wilson was directly responsible.

The administration, Mr. Roosevelt declared, has condoned the anti-Ally attitude of certain publications—among them the Hearst newspapers—while embarrassing those that have made honest criticism of the conduct of the war.

LAWYER TO SPEAK HERE TOMORROW

Gustav Carlson, a well known Middletown attorney, will be the speaker tomorrow evening at a patriotic rally which will be held in the Swedish Congregational church. Mr. Carlson was secured through the efforts of the Bridgeport War bureau.

EXCITING RACE WITH STORK IN A TAXI CAB

VEHICLE HURRYING UPON MOST IMPORTANT ERRAND REPEATEDLY HELD UP AND DELAYED BY RED CROSS WORKERS.

Shortly after ten o'clock this morning Dr. J. F. Keegan, of the Emergency hospital had one of the most exciting races he ever had to render aid, but this time his race was with Mr. Stork.

Mrs. Alfred M. Edmunds, of 179 Golden Hill street, is the happy mother of a fine baby girl, which owing to the too enthusiastic efforts on the part of some Red Cross collectors came very near being born in a taxicab as the mother was being rushed to her home.

Apparently Mrs. Edmunds was paying a visit to her mother-in-law, Mrs. Stephen Vanstone, of 23 Wells street, this morning when she was taken ill. A taxicab was called and she was rushed to her home, but on the way the cab was held up at every crossing by Red Cross workers who wanted a contribution having no knowledge

that the machine was racing upon a most important and serious, yet joyful, errand.

Immediately upon reaching the home, a telephone call was sent into the Emergency Hospital as that was the quickest aid to get and Dr. Keegan was whisked to Golden Hill street in the fastest time on record.

Notwithstanding his great speed, Mr. Stork had already arrived when he reached the Edmunds home, but he had the satisfaction of knowing that both mother and child are doing wonderfully well and of congratulating the father, Alfred M. Edmunds, one of the most popular moving picture men in Bridgeport.

CHILD DARTS IN FRONT OF FAST MOVING JITNEY

About six o'clock last evening while little Louis Almesy, aged 9, of 145 Church street, was watching the parade forming on Barnum avenue he became so excited that he ran in front of a jitney bus, operated by Alfred Ward, of 422 State street, and was knocked down. One of the wheels of the machine passed over the little fellow's abdomen, inflicting possible internal injuries while his face and head are badly lacerated.

According to witnesses of the accident the driver of the jitney is entirely blameless in the affair. The child was darting about the crowd in company with many other children, and in his excitement ran into rather than ran in front of the machine. Ward jammed on his emergency brakes, but it was impossible to avoid hitting the child.

DRIVER OF AUTO ARRESTED AFTER HITTING WOMAN

Daisy Mills, 30 years of age, of 33 Rose street, was taken to Bridgeport hospital yesterday suffering from injuries when she was knocked down by an automobile driven by John Krank, of 8 Steuben street, as she attempted to cross the road at Barnum and Noble avenues.

According to many who saw the accident, Krank passed a trolley car to the left as he swung around the corner so that it was impossible for Miss Mills to see him as she ran across the thoroughfare.

Dr. George B. Cowell of 409 Noble avenue was hastily summoned to the scene of the accident and discovered that she was suffering from a fractured arm, two front teeth were knocked out while the right side of her face was seriously bruised and lacerated.

Immediately following the accident Krank was arrested and held charged with reckless driving.

KAISER'S CUP NETS \$17,500 FOR RED CROSS

Kaiser Wilhelm's gold cup, which was awarded to Wilson Marshall in 1906 for winning the race across the Atlantic ocean in his schooner Atlantic, was auctioned off at a big boxing carnival given in Madison Square Garden, New York, last night for benefit of the Red Cross, and brought the sum of \$17,500. It was purchased by Richard Doggett, Joseph Marone, John Walters and others, each purchaser putting it again at auction. Before the sale is ended it is expected \$50,000 will have been realized.

Wilson Marshall, who lives at Marina Park in this city, won the cup in 1905, and it was presented to him by the Kaiser with much ceremony at Kiel. When the Red Cross drive was commenced a few days ago Marshall announced his intention of donating it to the Red Cross. It is of gold, and has a bullion value of about \$5,000.